

Grandparents and guardians who already receive support from Back to School are overwhelmed at the opportunity this gives to the children in their care.

The grandfather pictured here is taking care of his two orphaned grandsons, both of whom want to be school teachers when they grow up. He says "It is amazing for my boys to go to school and have a chance to be teachers one day. I am so grateful for E3's support."



### Get Involved

If you would like to support Back to School, please visit [e3initiative.org/back-to-school-form](http://e3initiative.org/back-to-school-form). We will then send information about a community that needs your support and details of how to give. Thank you so much for helping change a child's future through education. Please note that if you can give your support annually this minimises administration costs.

### MORE ABOUT E3

Our purpose is to bring about transformation in communities affected by poverty and HIV and AIDS in Southern Africa. We empower grassroots churches to share the love of Christ in word and action with those around them. For more about our wider work, visit [www.e3initiative.org](http://www.e3initiative.org)

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CHANGE A CHILD'S  
FUTURE THROUGH  
EDUCATION



## E3's Back to School Programme

is changing the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children in some of the most impoverished rural communities and slums in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. You can be part of this story.

Although the local schools are free, the children must have uniform and shoes. Their elderly grandparents or foster parents cannot afford these so the children either cannot attend or wear broken shoes and old ripped uniforms.

All of them have a very difficult home life. They struggle with many issues and live in poor conditions. Those who care for them are usually uneducated themselves so they cannot provide the encouragement that children need to be successful at school. That's why as well as giving children school supplies, your support also helps them develop emotionally and make wise choices in life through ongoing support, counselling and workshops. Once children join Back to School, support is available to them each year until they finish school.



Ruth (aged 11) and her sister Brenda (aged 9) both struggled to attend school because their mother couldn't afford shoes, uniform and books. Ruth dreams of being a social worker and Brenda a lawyer. Their parents were refugees from Rwanda and their father died last year. Now they can go to school regularly.



A gift of just \$10 a month can support one child in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa to attend school and complete their education

You will be supporting a child in a specific community and we would love for you to commit to give and pray regularly. You may like to support more than one child.

Benefits to the child each academic year when you give \$10 a month

- ★ Two sets of uniform
- ★ School shoes and socks
- ★ Exercise books
- ★ Two one-day workshops and one camp each year run by E3 to teach biblical life-skills to help emotional and spiritual development
- ★ A heart warmed through knowing that people they have never met care enough to support them. You can send a letter once a year to encourage all the Back to School children.



There are also benefits for you too!

- ★ You will be helping a child to complete school, find ways to cope with past experiences, difficult home situations and the poverty around them, and look to the future with hope.
- ★ We will send you two reports each year by email about how Back to School is changing lives in the community you are supporting.
- ★ We are committed to managing all funds and the administration of the project with integrity and transparency.

CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE ALREADY CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

We have already seen how Back to School can turn children's lives around. Anele is just one of many. She joined in January 2015 and her teacher said she needed moral and emotional support and was struggling to stay focused at school. Her mid-year report said that she had shown improvement. By the end of the year her teacher reported: "Anele is doing well. She is making good progress in Maths, IsiZulu, English and Life Skills. Keep up the good work!"

Elizabeth (aged 14) lost both her parents 5 years ago. She desperately wanted to continue her schooling and had been working hard selling fruit in the market before school. She explains the difference support from E3 has made:

"I can now concentrate on completing school. I will become a nurse one day so I can help others."



Before

After

"THE UPDATES AND THE SMILES ON THE CHILDREN'S FACES BRIGHTEN MY DAY." PAULA, USA